

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An easy-open lid, ~~specifically applicable in lids (1) for a container, which, with comprising:~~
any one of a circular, elliptical or rectangular ~~configuration shape~~ with rounded vertices, ~~incorporate~~ a cut line (3), parallel and close to ~~their a~~ perimeter of the lid for opening the lid with ~~the collaboration of~~ a punch-tear away ring tab (4) attached to the body (1) of the lid by means of a rivet (5) and which is provided with a punching vertex (6) acting on said ~~the~~ cut line (3), ~~characterized in that said wherein the~~ cut line (3) is provided with a curved breakage segment (8) ~~with a curved path,~~ having a curvature center (9) coinciding with the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab (4) to the body (1) of the lid, such that ~~said punch the punching~~ vertex (6) is kept in place on the breakage segment (8) after an accidental rotation of said ~~the~~ ring tab (4) ~~throughout during~~ the process of handling the lid (1) itself and the container to which it is associated ~~to~~.
2. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the amplitude of the ~~areuate curved~~ breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is greater than 1°.

3. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amplitude of the ~~areuate~~curved breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) ranges between 1° and 80°.

4. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amplitude of the ~~areuate~~curved breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 20°.

5. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the curved breakage segment (8) on the cut line (3) is symmetrical with regard to ~~the an~~ imaginary axis formed by ~~the a~~ theoretical actuation point (40) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab (4), coinciding with the mid-point of the breakage segment (8), and the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab (4).

6. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amplitude of the ~~areuate~~curved breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 10° on each side of the theoretical actuation point (40) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab (4).

7. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to ~~previous claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the ~~areuate~~curved breakage segment (10) of the cut line (3), with a curvature center (9) on the rivet (5), is joined to the rest of the cut line (3) by means of double, ~~areuate~~curved and counteropposing inflections (11-11') for facilitating the tearing opening of the lid along said line.

8. (new): An easy-open lid for a container, the lid comprising:
- a body;
 - a marginal strip surrounding at least part of the body and defining a perimeter of the lid;
 - a cut line close to the perimeter of the lid;
 - a punch-tear away ring tab attached to the lid at an attachment location, the tab comprising a punching vertex that acts on a part of the cut line when the tab is lifted; and
 - wherein the cut line comprises a curved breakage segment comprising a center of curvature that generally coincides with the attachment location.
9. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the lid further comprises one of a circular shape, an elliptical shape, and a rectangular shape with rounded vertices.
10. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment is defined by a variation in the curvature of the cut line.
11. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 10, wherein the variation is one that comprises inward inflections on both sides of the curved breakage segment.
12. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 10, wherein the variation comprises a pair of offsetting, curved inflections on either side of the curved breakage segment.

13. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the cut line is parallel to the perimeter of the lid.

14. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the tab is attached to the lid at the attachment location by a rivet.

15. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the contour of the punching vertex matches the contour of the curved breakage segment.

16. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a circular arc greater than 1° .

17. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a circular arc between 1° and 80° .

18. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment is symmetrical with respect to an imaginary axis formed by the mid-point of the breakage segment and the attachment location.

19. (new): An easy-open lid for a container, the lid comprising:

a body;

a marginal strip surrounding at least part of the body and defining a perimeter of the lid;

a cut line close to the perimeter of the lid;
a punch-tear away ring tab attached to the lid at an attachment location, the tab comprising a punching vertex that acts on a part of the cut line when the tab is lifted; and
wherein the cut line comprises a curved breakage segment defined by a variation in the curvature of the cut line, the variation aligned with the punching vertex of the ring tab.

20. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 19, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a center of curvature that generally coincides with the attachment location.